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Dear Sir:

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Enclosed for filing is a patent application of Motohiro Ishikawa, Kenichi Kondo, Nobuo Fukushima, Masayoshi Sekine, Koichi Sono, Gaku Watanabe and Yuji Koide for an IMAGE PICKUP APPARATUS, the application comprising a Specification of 28 pages; 27 Claims including 4 independent Claims; 5 sheets of Informal Drawings (Figures 1-6); an Abstract; and our check in the amount of \$982.00 in payment of the filing fee, which has been calculated as follows: \$750.00 base filing fee; \$154.00 for seven claims in excess of twenty and \$78.00 for one independent claim in excess of three.

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A Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney will be filed  
at a later date.

Claim will be made under 35 U.S.C. § 119 for the benefit  
of the filing date of Japanese Patent Application No. Hei 07-187434  
(filed July 24, 1995), a certified copy of which will be filed in  
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